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## STAGGERING HOLOCAUST IMMINENT IN HORROR-STRICKEN DAYTON

Flames Sweeping in Towards Trapped Thousands and Horrified Watchers Are Helpless—Blizzard Adds to Misery



GENERAL VIEW OF DAYTON, THE CITY THAT IS GONE.



DAYTON ON A RECENT FETE DAY—WELCOMING THE WRIGHT BROTHERS HOME.

### FOR GOD'S SAKE HELP US! CRY THOSE OUT OF REACH

**Firemen Drown Trying to Reach Scene of Destruction—Mutiny in City Workhouse.**

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—This afternoon fire was still raging in the flooded districts of Dayton. Twenty-one buildings had been destroyed.

With the greater part of the business section of Dayton afire and a biting blizzard today sweeping the roaring flames toward penned-up thousands of men, women and children who are cut off from all human aid, a staggering holocaust is imminent, but the onlookers are forced to stand on the south bank of the river, powerless to prevent and can only dumbly watch the impending horrors.

#### BLIZZARD RAGING.

The fire began yesterday at Third and St. Clair streets. Already two blocks have burned and the fire is spreading in all directions as the wind shifts. The fire department is unable to reach the scene of the conflagration and a blizzard is adding to the horrors of the flood and fire.

#### ODDS ONE TO FOUR.

Thousands are making a stubborn fight against death with the odds one to four against victory. There is only one chance in favor of the victims and that is their rescue today by the little boats. These are fighting almost futilely against the current.

#### CRIES OF THE DYING.

To the river's south shore, the winds are carrying the cries of hundreds of distressed persons who are imprisoned on the roofs of homes.

"For God's sake, come over and help us, there are women here." This is the continual plea ringing across the water. The rescuers, however, can do nothing. Strong men are laboring at the oars, but they are helpless in the great rush of water.

#### FIREMEN DROWNED.

Fire Chief Frank Ramby declared that many firemen were drowned early today in trying to reach the flames. They were working in boats, many of which were upset. Some of the firemen grappled with horses swimming, and were drowned when the animals sank.

The people marooned in the Durst Plant are without food. They are being soaked with rain and it is reported some are dying because of their clothing being frozen.

Three hundred and fifty-five are trapped in the upper stories of the Carrier Car Company's Building. Yesterday the fight for life was enduring, today a gale is blowing and the struggle is tragic.

#### MUTINY IN WORKHOUSE.

A mutiny has started in the city workhouse, where a hundred prisoners are in cells. All are terror-stricken and demand their freedom, shouting, "We were not sent here to die." They are beating on the cell doors and shouting imprecations. Superintendent Johnson has appealed to the militia for help.

One prisoner was released because he understood how to operate the water-works pumps.

More than 1500 persons were rescued from the flood today. Each has a thrilling story of adventure.

#### FIVE HUNDRED COFFINS.

Five hundred coffins were ordered from Cincinnati yesterday for the supposed five hundred dead, but these will be insufficient now. The death list

### TELEGRAPH FUNDS, IS REQUEST OF GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR COX OF OHIO.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—A ten-day legal holiday was declared by Governor Cox today in the flooded districts of Ohio. This was done to give the flood victims time to take care of notes and mortgages becoming due.

Governor Cox also issued a statement asking the country to telegraph funds rather than send supplies, because of the demoralized railroad service.

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grows hourly. Every refugee tells a new instance of miserable deaths of the flood.

#### SOME INSTANCES.

This morning, Louis Gusty, a postman living in a flooded house on Wayne street, presented the situation to his wife, saying: "It is an even break, I would rather die by flood than by fire." At three o'clock this morning he ventured into the water up to his hips, and one by one he carried his children to a place of comparative safety, taking his wife last. They took a winning chance, for two hours later the fire destroyed his home.

#### FLOOD OR FIRE?

Flood or fire? Which? Shelly Burns presented this issue to himself. Since Tuesday he has been a lone prisoner in a stable near the fire. With the fire behind and the flood before, Burns leaped into the icy waters. He hung by one arm to a mass of debris until rescued at daylight.

A thousand persons were in the Durst Milling Plant and faced death from the approaching fire, fifty took a chance by plunging into the cold water. They escaped. The others chose to remain.

### BODIES FLOAT IN STREETS OF PERU

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
PERU, Indiana, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—The flood fatalities are still unknown here. Bodies are seen floating through the streets hourly and it is reported twenty dead have floated to Logansport. It was reported that many perished there. Thousands are sheltered in the churches and school houses there.

### FRESH DANGER THREATENS FATED CITY

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—THE COLLAPSE OF THE LEWISTOWN RESERVOIR, THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD, ABOVE DAYTON, CONTAINING MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WATER, IS THREATENED MOMENTARILY AND FRANTIC EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE HERE TODAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH SYDNEY AND OTHER POINTS. A MESSAGE HERE FROM RUSSELL'S POINT SAYS THE RESERVOIR CANNOT HOLD.

### LOOTERS SHOT DOWN WITHOUT MERCY— AUTHORITIES WORKING TO PREVENT EPIDEMICS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28.—(By Associated Press Cable)—At midnight last night it could be officially announced that the flood waters were receding and new strength was put into the thousands at the work of rescue at the news. The cold is intense, however, and from every quarter are pouring reports of suffering, disaster and horror piled upon horror.

In this city and elsewhere throughout the flooded district, looters are making their appearance. These are being shot down as fast as they are detected, but it is impossible to guard everything

and the ghoulies are working despite the summary examples being made by the authorities.

It is feared now that epidemics will break out among the crowded refugees. In many of the towns the waterworks systems have been destroyed and the river waters are contaminated by the many corpses and bodies of dead animals afloat. There is also a great scarcity of food in many places. Every effort is being made to put the refugee camps and the buildings housing the hundreds in a sanitary condition.

The number of casualties now being reported is diminishing.

### THE LACK OF FOOD NOW DRIVING SUFFERERS INSANE

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—The flood waters in Indiana are subsiding today. The suffering in the Wabash Valley, where persons have been without food, fuel, and drinking water for three days is intense.

A train carrying sixty boats and supplies reached Peru last night. It found three thousand persons marooned in the courthouses.

Relief workers so far have been un-

able to reach Lafayette, Kokomo, Wabash and Logansport.

It is reported that several persons have gone insane for lack of food.

The latest estimate of the dead at Brooksville is seventeen. Deaths also occurred at Whitmore, New Trenton and Cedar Grove. The latter town is reported wrecked.

#### Malta Wiped Out.

McConnellsville wires that the town of Malta with a population of four hundred, is destroyed by floods. The deaths are unknown. The residents of the place were warned yesterday.

### BULGARIANS NOW READY TO BOMBARD CONSTANTINOPLE

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(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
SOFIA, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Bombardment of Constantinople by the Bulgarian forces, now before that city, is being planned, according to an announcement by the war office here today.

### FIFTY-FIFTH TO COME FULL STRENGTH

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Within a week the Fifty-Fifth Company of Coast Artillery will leave Port Du Port, Delaware, and come to San Francisco en route to Honolulu, for which post the command will sail May 5.

The company will be stationed at Fort De Russy and prior to this detachment for San Francisco the command will be recruited to its full strength.

### SONORA REBELS ARE SUCCESSFUL AND CANANEA IS THEIRS

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
NACU, Arizona, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—After thirty-six hours of fighting without food or water, Colonel Moreno has surrendered his Federal garrison at Cananea to the Sonora state rebels according to reports here.

#### LIFE BOATS HELP

#### ILLINOIS SUFFERERS

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
WAUKEGAN, Illinois, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Fifty men with six lifeboats from the federal station arrived in Logansport early today to relieve the flood sufferers. The boats will accommodate sixteen each.

#### ADMIRAL'S WIDOW

#### UNDER INDICTMENT

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
PLYMOUTH, Massachusetts, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Mrs. Jennie Eaton was indicted today for the murder of her husband, Rear Admiral Eaton. The widow, who is twenty years the junior of the naval officer, was arrested last Thursday. The indictment charges that Mrs. Eaton placed arsenic in a cereal drink which the admiral took with his meals.

### WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST IS RULE AMONG RESCUERS

### SECRETARY OF WAR WILL GO TO OHIO



ADJUTANT-GENERAL WOOD  
Now in Dayton, where secretary of war will join him.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
WASHINGTON, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—President Wilson today asked Secretary Garrison to go to Ohio and personally survey conditions in the flooded district. He will be accompanied by General Wood.

Unless conditions materially improve, President Wilson himself may go to the scene.

#### USELESS TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF DEAD

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Conditions throughout the storm and flood stricken Ohio and Indiana today are worse than they have been since before the tornado came which ruined Terre Haute.

Rain fell over most of the two States until midnight when it changed to a blinding snowstorm and the temperature dropped, causing intense suffering to the hundreds of thousands whose homes are wiped out by the floods.

It is useless to try to estimate the dead. There are no definite facts whereon to base such an estimate and it is believed it will be many days before any definite estimate is obtainable.

Rumors that Zanesville has been demolished are untrue.

It is reported that Operator Bell of Dayton this morning telephoned Governor Cox that the flames there had reached his building and forced him to abandon his post.

#### Columbus Dead.

It is known that the flood killed a score here, and from one to two hundred are missing. A conservative estimate places the Columbus deaths at one hundred.

#### Two Towns In Flames.

Troy and Piqua, Ohio, are in flames following the flooding of the places, according to unconfirmed reports reaching here. Latest reports from Piqua indicate a heavy loss of life there. Nothing can be learned concerning the fire.

Governor Cox was advised by Commissioner Johnson today that four motor boats are en route from Chicago to Dayton.

Telephone advice from Middletown was that the Borg Paper Mills were in flames.

### Receding Waters Carry Scores of Corpses Away—Cold Adding to the Death List.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—"Women and children first" is the rule in Dayton today. Hundreds of men have been left behind in their flooded homes after their families were moved, because there was not room enough in the boats for all. Many of these are facing death from fire, while their anguished wives and children watch the fire from points of comparative safety.

#### BODIES IN DEBRIS.

Already the corpses of the flood victims are becoming visible. From the south shore of the flooded district the bodies of men, women and children can be seen floating with the debris of houses and the carcasses of dead horses. The mingled mass of dead humanity and animals is being carried swiftly along by the current, and it is expected few of the bodies ever will be recovered.

All the bodies so far taken from the water are being conveyed to the chapel of Woodlawn cemetery. The first corpse recovered this morning was that of Miss Lillie Edmann, who was drowned on Tuesday when a boat capsized. A policeman perished in a desperate effort to save the girl.

#### EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT.

While but little has yet been done to save the thousands imperiled in the flood and fire ravaged city, every possible effort that humanity can exert or daring supply is being bent to the work. Such few boats as are available are being worked at top speed by eager rescuers, and already scores of women and children, famishing and almost frozen, have been landed on the higher spots in the city where the flood waters have receded.

Bitter cold, however, is retarding the work of rescue as well as making the sufferings of the survivors almost unendurable.

#### DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE.

The deaths from exposure probably will materially swell the fatal toll, which cannot be made up in anything like completeness for probably a week. Throughout all the lower part of the city it is likely that hundreds of persons may be found dead in their devastated homes when the waters subside sufficiently to permit of a search.

#### HORRIBLE SIGHTS IN COLUMBUS.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.)  
COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 27.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Rescue boats penetrated the flooded west side district here today. These reported that all indications pointed to the probability of hundreds of lives having been lost there. It was said to be impossible to estimate the exact number. Rapidly receding water revealed corpses hanging to trees, some were lodged in the debris and others were floating about in submerged buildings.

#### HUNDRED BODIES IN CHURCH.

Burgers brought the names of hundreds who are missing and who are believed to have drowned. Firemen who returned from the flooded west side of this city declare that at least a hundred corpses have been found in the United Brethren Church.

#### WOOD PHONES FOR COFFINS.

This afternoon Adjutant General Wood telephoned from Dayton that several hundred coffins were needed as once as the rescue work there is about to begin.